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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Man *et al.*

Application No: 10/685,942

Filed: October 14, 2003

For: PHARMACEUTICALLY ACTIVE ISOINDOLINE DERIVATIVES

Confirmation No.: 7683

Group Art Unit: 1614

Examiner: K. Weddington

Attorney Docket No.: 9516-205

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

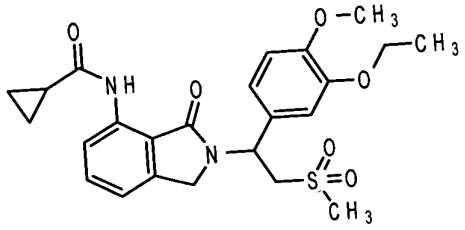
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 7, 2004, in which the above-captioned application was examined for restriction purposes only. Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the following remarks and provisional election in the file of the application. Submitted herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner requires that this application be restricted to one of three groups of claims. Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I (claims 1 and 5), but as discussed below, respectfully request that the other groups be also examined in this application. As for the single species to be searched, Applicants provisionally elect cyclopropyl-N-{2-[1-(3-ethoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl]-3-oxoisoindolin-4-yl}carboxamide, which has the following structure.



This compound is a compound of formula (I), wherein: R_1 is $-OCH_3$; R_2 is